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Sir:

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Enclosed are also:

- 12 Pages of Specification including an Abstract  
 6 Pages of Claims ( Claims 1 - 36 )  
 4 Sheet(s) of Drawings  
 A Declaration and Power of Attorney  
 Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation

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